

## **TANF SERVICES FUNDED IN WISCONSIN**

### **MILWAUKEE COUNTY CHILD WELFARE SERVICES COORDINATOR**

#### Program Description:

Section 48.48(16m), Stats., as created by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27, directs the Secretary of the Wisconsin DHFS to employ an individual to coordinate the provision of child welfare services in Milwaukee County with the implementation of the W-2 program to ensure that both programs interact effectively. Wisconsin uses TANF funding to help support the salary of this position. The Director of Urban Development was appointed in May 1998 and will work under the direction of the Secretary of DHFS.

#### Client Group Served:

In Milwaukee County, many families having contact with the child welfare system are also W-2 participants. Coordinating these services in Milwaukee County helps families in W-2, and promotes family responsibility. The Director will have responsibilities in four major areas: coordination with W-2; coordination with AODA, mental health, and substance abuse providers; coordination with Milwaukee Public Schools reform; and Department representation on issues involving the changes in federal welfare reform that ended the automatic links between Medicaid and cash assistance. The Director will also help enlist community and neighborhood resources in the building of family resiliency and self-sufficiency.

**TOTAL TANF FUNDING: \$54,000**